

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 13 and 14 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and review of the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claims 6, 9 and 11 asserting the phrase "image display member" is not defined in the claim. To obviate this objection, the phrase "image display member" in claims 6, 9 and 11 is amended to recite "image display medium."

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 9, 11, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nakagawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,931,541), and rejects claims 2-8, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakagawa in view of Yasukura (U.S. Patent No. 6,990,588). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Specifically, Nakagawa fails to disclose or suggest an image forming system including an image forming medium, wherein the image display medium is a sheet of paper, as recited in independent claims 1, 9 and 11.

Nakagawa, at col. 7, lines 63-67 and col. 5, lines 34-43, merely discloses an information processing method and apparatus for demultiplexing object streams from a data stream that includes a plurality of object streams. In col. 7, Nakagawa discloses that the processing method is applied to a plurality of equipment, for example, a host computer, an interface device, a reader, a printer, a copying machine, or a facsimile apparatus. In col. 5, Nakagawa discloses that Nakagawa's system uses an authentication decoding circuit. However, Nakagawa fails to disclose the image display media featured in the present application.

Applicants respectfully assert that Nakagawa fails to disclose or suggest an image display medium, wherein the image display medium is a sheet of paper, as recited in independent claims 1, 9 and 11.

With respect to claims 13 and 14, Applicants respectfully assert that Nakagawa fails to disclose an image forming method or a computer program that causes a computer to read a first data and data of a second image and authentication data from an image display medium, as featured in independent claims 13 and 14.

Nakagawa, at col. 5, lines 34-43, merely discloses an authentication step wherein a control unit notifies a motion image decoding circuit that authentication has been completed. A copyrighted watermark is extracted from a motion picture. The watermark is the authenticating data. Nakagawa does not require the receipt of access data for authentication. Thus, Nakagawa fails to disclose an image forming method including the step of determining whether or not the second image is authenticated based on the read authentication data and the received access data, as recited in claims 13 and 14.

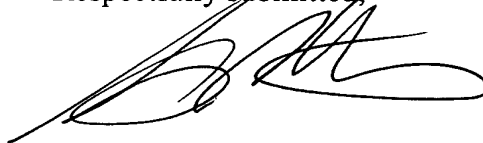
Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that Nakagawa fails to disclose an image forming method or a computer program that causes a computer to read data of a second image an authentication data from an image display medium, as featured in independent claims 13 and 14.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 9, 11, 13 and 14 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-8, 10 and 12 depend from claims 1, 9 and 11, respectively, and are allowable for their dependence on allowable base claims, as well as for the additional features they recite. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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